Report of the NACBS Webmaster

To the NACBS Council, October 15, 2003

The NACBS website (www.nacbs.org) continues to provide an effective means to communicate with members and to promote awareness of the activities of the NACBS to non-members. The website serves as a gateway to the NACBS and to related resources in British studies.

Highlights of updated features on the website include the following:

- *Annual conference:* Published the program for the annual conference at Portland in the summer of 2003, and posted CFP and submission materials for the 2004 annual meeting at Philadelphia, including an updated interactive PDF coversheet.
- *Publications*: Published announcement regarding NACBS journals, as well as maintain links to the electronic editions, subscription information, and back issues for *Journal of British Studies* and *Albion*. The *British Studies Intelligencer* is now maintained at a separate site.
- *Academic prizes:* Updated the rules and results of the competitions for awards for scholarship, for dissertation research, and for the essay contest for Canadian undergraduates.
- *NACBS elections, officers and membership:* Posted biographies of the candidates for NACBS elections and maintain the list of officers and the Council. The University of Chicago Press also maintains the membership directory on the website.
- *Gateway for resources in British studies:* In addition to the list of funding opportunities, the website maintains links to a syllabus finder, the bibliography of the Royal Historical Society, the H-Albion discussion network, and other organizations such as the Institute of Historical Research, so that the website does not duplicate resources that are available elsewhere.
- *Added legal notices* appropriate for the website.
- *Responded to requests* for information about the NACBS submitted to the website. Most of these messages are either 1) members inquiring about the status of their subscriptions, 2) publishers asking about exhibiting at the annual conference, or 3) requests for information about fellowship and prize competitions. Recently, the website also received an increasing number of requests to register for the annual conference with a credit card.

The website continues to focus on the activities and programs of the NACBS. In the future, the NACBS should consider a modest budget for a redesign of the site. The Council also may wish to discuss the relationship of the NACBS website to the *British Studies Intelligencer*, selected panels at the annual conference, or the articles in an enlarged *Journal of British Studies*.

Once again, I wish to thank the University of Chicago Journals Division, which hosts our website, especially Wayne Tack, for assistance in maintaining the site. Statistics on visitor sessions and usage of the website are available from the University of Chicago Press.

It has been a great pleasure to serve as webmaster for the last four years, and I look forward to continued participation in the work of the NACBS in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
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